

All India Police Shooting C'ship Telangana constable wins silver, bronze



HYDERABAD: A constable from the Telangana Police has won two medals at the All India Police Shooting Sports Championship held in Indore. Constable A. Rajkumar (PC-3111) secured a silver medal in the 300m Rifle Prone individual event and a bronze medal in the 300m Rifle Three-Position event at the 19th edition of the championship (2025-26) organised by the Border Security Force from February 24 to March 1.

Rajkumar, who is posted with the 8th Battalion at Kondapur, is currently undergoing training on attachment with the Sports IG Office. Congratulating the constable for his achievement, state Director General of Police (DGP) B. Shivdhar Reddy felicitated him at a programme held at the DGP office on Wednesday. Among those present were Gajarao Bhupal, shooting coach P. Srirama Murthy and sports officer R. V. Rama Rao.

FIH Hockey World Cup Qualifiers 2026 Navneet's hat-trick powers India to 4-1 win over Wales

HYDERABAD: The Indian Women's Hockey Team secured a dominant 4-1 victory against Wales in a Pool B clash at the FIH Hockey World Cup Qualifiers 2026 Hyderabad, Telangana. Navneet Kaur (29', 34', 55') led the attack with three goals while Sakshi Rana (7') also contributed at the G. M. C. Balayogi Hockey Ground (Gachibowli Hockey Complex) on Wednesday evening. Though India had secured a Semi-Final berth ahead of the fixture, the result ensured they finished as table-toppers. India will now take on Italy on 13 March to seal their spot in the Final.

India's speed was on full display in the first quarter as they put immense pres-

sure on their opponents with quick breakaways, despite a reverse hit from the edge of the circle to give India the



high press from the Welsh team. The hosts took the lead as early as the seventh minute when Salima Tete orchestrated a move down the right flank before Sakshi Rana unleashed a powerful

advantage. India continued to press soon after, with Udita coming close to doubling the lead from a penalty corner, but her effort was cleared off the line.

Having Watson, Russell as coaches is a blessing: Ramandeep Singh

KOLKATA: Kolkata Knight Riders' hard-hitter Ramandeep Singh has found fresh inspiration in the dugout ahead of IPL 2026, with the arrival of Shane Watson and Andre Russell as Assistant Coach and Power Coach respectively.

Since joining KKR in 2024, during which he was a part of the team that sealed their third IPL trophy, Ramandeep has contributed 172 runs at an impressive strike rate of 167.9, with 6 wickets already to his name. More recently, Ramandeep lit up the 2025 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy with 209 runs at a strike rate of 195 and 9 wickets across 10 matches, and he looks primed for his best season yet in Purple and Gold.

For his pre-season preparations, the 28-year-old is trying to tailor his game to the demands of each surface and scenario he expects to encounter. "My approach for this year is very situation-oriented. I am working on my understanding of potential scenarios every time I step in to bat. I am also trying to understand how the pitch is evolving and playing the right shots accordingly,"

he said. Ramandeep's domestic exploits this season extended well beyond his batting. His performances with the ball underlined a growing confidence in his bowling capabilities as well, and he is eager to bring that same impact to the IPL. "If given the opportunity, I want to deliver as a bowler too, because I believe I have the capability to be an all-rounder. I am going to give my best on the field, and I am hopeful the results will follow," he added.

One of the most exciting developments around the Kolkata Knight Riders this season has been the addition of legendary all-rounders Shane Watson and Andre Russell in the coaching setup. For Ramandeep, the prospect of learning from two of the game's finest will be a huge opportunity to take his game to the next level. "Having them in the dugout is a blessing. I want to make the most of it and absorb as much as I can from them. I also hope I can emulate their success in the crucial, match-defining moments for the team," he expressed.

***HYDERABAD:** India's largest startup incubator, T-Hub, on Thursday announced a strategic partnership with the Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO) to strengthen cross-border collaboration between Indian and Japanese deep-tech startups.

Zebrafish & Drosophila research lab inaugurated at Patanjali

HARIDWAR: The Patanjali Research Foundation, known for integrating India's traditional knowledge systems with modern scientific methods, has inaugurated a state-of-the-art Zebrafish and Drosophila (fruit fly) research laboratory.

The new facility is expected to advance scientific research on medicinal plants and Ayurvedic formulations. The laboratory was inaugurated by noted scientist Acharya Balkrishna, who has played a key role in taking Ayurved to the global stage. Senior scientists, researchers and representatives from various departments of the organisation at-

tended the event.

The newly established laboratory represents a major step forward in contemporary biomedical



research and is expected to open new avenues for the scientific evaluation of medicinal plants and Ayurvedic medicines.

Speaking on the occasion,

Balkrishna said that India's ancient Ayurvedic tradition holds immense knowledge that must now be validated through modern scientific methods. He added that Patanjali is working to revive India's traditional wisdom and present it to the world with scientific evidence through modern research techniques. Model organisms such as zebrafish and drosophila allow scientists to examine the effects of medicinal plants and Ayurvedic formulations at microscopic and mechanistic levels.

XDuce acquires strategic stake in Dev IT

MUMBAI: Dev Information Technology Limited, a global IT services company providing AI, Cybersecurity, Cloud Services, Digital Transformation, Enterprise Applications, and Managed IT Services, with products like AI enabled Talligence and ByteSigner, has announced that XDuce has acquired a strategic stake of approximately 24% in the company to strengthen its AI, Cybersecurity and global footprint.

GSP Crop Science's IPO to open on March 16

MUMBAI: Gujarat Based GSP Crop Science Limited has fixed the price band of Rs 304/- to Rs 320/- per Equity Share of face value ? 10/- each for its maiden initial public offer.

The Initial Public Offering ("IPO" or "Issue") of the Company will open on Monday, March 16, 2026, for subscription and close on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. Investors can bid for a minimum of 46 Equity Shares and in multiples of 46 Equity Shares thereafter. Equity shares outstanding as on date 39,018,750 Equity Shares of Rs 10 each. The IPO is a fresh issue for Rs 240 crore and an offer-for-sale for up to 5,000,000 shares by promoter - Vilasben Vrajmohan Shah, Bhavesh Vrajmohan Shah, and Kappa Trust.

The proceeds from the fresh issue to the extent of Rs 170 crore will be used for repayment or pre-repayment of all or a portion of certain outstanding borrowings availed by the company.

ISRO-AIIMS ink MoU

CHENNAI: Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) on Cooperation in Space Medicine and Research. According to ISRO, the MoU aims to promote joint research aligned with ISRO's priority areas, with a shared objective of advancing human health, performance and safety during human space missions.

The MoU was signed and exchanged by Dinesh Kumar Singh, Director, Human Spaceflight Centre and Dr Srinivas M, Director, AIIMS in the presence of Dr V Narayanan, Chairman, ISRO & Secretary, Department of Space. ISRO said long-duration human space missions such as Bharatiya Antariksh Station and Crewed Missions to the Moon offer unique medical challenges due to the extreme space environment and microgravity.

